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RESPONSE/AMENDMEN

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In response to the communication from the Examiner dated October 9, 2007, the applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.113, 1.114 and 1.116, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light of the following:

1. The Examiner's Office Action dated October 9, 2007, provided for a three (3) month shortened statutory period, which expires April 9, 2008. This response/amendment is being filed on April 9. 2008, which is believed to be within the three month extension

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period in which to file a response/amendment. As a result, a three month extension fee of \$525.00 is included herewith for the three month extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- 2. The following materials are enclosed herewith to comply with the Revised Amendment Practice set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:
 - a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this Response/Amendment; and
 - b. Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this Response/Amendment.

Summary of Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1, 6, 7 and 11.

Kindly add claims 21-24.

Claims 12-13 and 19-20 were previously cancelled.